THE ROCHESTER FREEDOM SINGERS

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LET FREEDOM SING!

A Concert In Remembrance of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday, January 15, 1994
4:00 pm

Universalist Church of Rochester
150 South Clinton Avenue

History

The Rochester Freedom Singers was organized in the fall of 1992 by John Strand and Larry Mancine. At first, the group was small enough to practice for its first public concert in Mr. Strand's home. That first concert was given in December 1992 and featured Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* as its major work. The inaugural concert also featured guest performer Joseph Steffan, tenor, singing both with the chorus and as a soloist on several songs by Britten.

Since that time, the chorus has been invited to perform at a number of public functions, including the 24 hour "Gospel Fest" at Mt. Aenon Baptist Church; at Downtown United Presbyterian Church in a benefit for AIDS ministry; the University of Rochester Chapel, to commemorate World AIDS Day; *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré with the Brighton Symphony Orchestra; at the Lilac Festival; and most recently in a benefit for ??? at Nazareth College.

The Rochester Freedom Singers welcomes new members, in both singing and non-singing capacities. No auditions are necessary! The only qualification is a desire to sing or to be a member of the group in areas of production, promotion, fund raising, and other non-musical activities, all in an atmosphere of genuine brother- and sisterhood. For more information, please call 716-266-3681.

Concert Chronology

Ceremony of Carols	December 1992
One World, Many Voices	June 1993
Light in the Darkness	December 1993
Sounds Like Love	June 1994
Let Freedom Sing!	January 1995
Peace by Piece	June 3, 1995

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Let Freedom Sing!

The Rochester Freedom Singers

Dr. Theodore F. Ashizawa, musical director
Cecilia Sun, accompanist
Brian W. Ambrose, sign language interpreter

Oh, Freedom! — arr. Ted Ashizawa
Michael Lee, soloist

Anthem For World Peace (from "Finlandia") — Jean Sibelius
Bill Coleman & Scott Coleman, soloists
John Trentini, trumpet

A Song of Liberty — Ralph Vaughan Williams
Nonet

Simple Gifts — Aaron Copland

Hineh Mah Tov — arr. Iris Levine

Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrica — South African National Anthem

Amazing Grace — arr. John Coates Jr.
text by John Newton
Denise Spadaccia, conductor

Somewhere — Leonard Bernstein
& Stephen Sondheim
Tawn Feeney, soloist

We Shall Be Free — Davis-Brooks
arr. Ted Ashizawa

The Dream Keeper — Carl deJong
text by Langston Hughes
Women's Chorus
Denise Spadaccia, conductor

Tryin' to Get Home — arr. Robert Norman
Women's Chorus

Harriet Tubman — Walter Robinson

Women's Chorus

INTERMISSION

Valée d'Obermann — Franz Liszt

Cecilia Sun, pianist

Dreams — Audrey Snyder
text by Langston Hughes

Chorale Prelude — J. S. Bach
arr. Ward Swingle

Freedom is the Word — Margaret Jones

Walk Dem Bones — Saundra Berry Musser

Nonet

I Want to Live — John Denver

Bill Coleman & Scott Coleman, soloists
In Memory of Scott's Uncle Green

Readings — Martin Luther King, Jr.; Coretta Scott King; Elizabeth Cady Stanton; Susan B. Anthony; Frederick Douglass; Eleanor Roosevelt; Naomi Littlebear

I'm Free At Last! — Jewel Taylor Thompson

Ronald Carthen, soloist

Dona Nobis Pacem — F. J. Haydn

Do You Hear The People Sing? (from "Les Misérables") — Claude-Michel Schönberg & Herbert Kretzmer

Stephen Randall & John Waite, soloists
John Trentini, trumpet

Song of the Soul — **Cris Williamson**

"Love of my life," I am crying. I am not dying; I am dancing,
Dancing along in the madness. There is no sadness,
Only a song of the soul.

Refrain
And we'll sing this song. Why don't you sing along?
And we can sing for a long, long time.

What do you do for your living? Are you forgiving, giving shelter?
Follow your heart; love will find you. Truth will unbind you,
Sing out a song of the soul.

Refrain

Come to your life like a warrior. Nothin' will bore yer; you can be happy.
Let in the light; it will heal you, and you can feel you and
Sing out a song of the soul.

Refrain

Kum Ba Yah — **Marvin V. Frey**

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Oh Lord, kum ba yah.

1. Churches burning here...
2. Someone's starving, Lord...
3. Someone's shooting, Lord,...
4. We want justice, Lord,...
5. We want freedom here,...

We Shall Overcome — **Unknown**

We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome some day.
Oh deep in my heart I do believe that we shall overcome some day.

1. We'll walk hand in hand...
2. We shall live in peace...
3. The truth shall make us free...
4. We are not afraid...
5. Black and white together...
6. The whole wide world around...

The Hammer Song — **Pete Seeger & Lee Hays**

If I had a hammer, I'd hammer in the morning,
I'd hammer in the evening, all over this land.
I'd hammer at danger, I'd hammer out a warning,
I'd hammer out love between my brothers and my sisters,
All over this land.

If I had a bell.... If I had a song....

Well, I've got a hammer, and I've got a bell,
And I've got a song to sing all over this land.
It's the hammer of Justice, it's the bell of Freedom,
It the Song about love between my brothers and my sisters,
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The Rochester Freedom Singers

Sopranos: Tawn Feeney°, Mary Lou Herlihy, Rose Husted, Katia Iannacome, Janis Keefe*°, Pat Nowicki*°, Barbara Schanzer, Denise Spadaccia*° (section leader).

Altos: Marian Barnes, Sheila Evans*°, Kare Miller°, Patty Polcyn, Lynn Rust*, Diane Trentini*° (section leader).

Tenors: Jodi Cohen, Bill Coleman*, Scott Coleman, Michael Lee*, Eugenia Martin, John White (section leader).

Basses: Ronald Carthen, Larry Mancine*, Gary Merithew, Steven Randall, Tim Schramm, Craig Sellers (section leader).

*Nonet °Women's Chorus

Committees

Program Committee: Jodi Cohen, Susan David, Mark Eckstein.

Music Committee: Ted Ashizawa, Jodi Cohen, Susan David, Jan Keefe, Michael Lee, Pat Nowicki, Steven Randall, Barbara Schanzer, Denise Spadaccia, Bill Thompson.

Production Crew

Stage Manager	Dave Pellow
Poster/Ticket Design & Printing	Susan David
Keeper of the Checkbook	Eugenia Martin
Music Librarian	Diane Trentini
Attorney	Henry W. Jones, IV
Rehearsal Orchestra	Cecilia Sun

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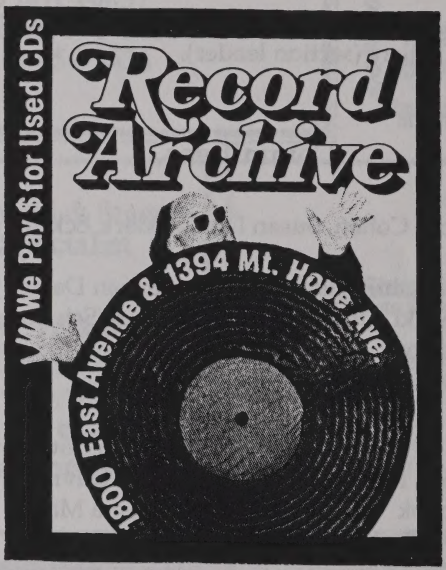
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